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THE GAMEY REPORT.

A LIVELY DEBATE OPENED IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Premier Ross Moves the Adoption—
Mr. Whitney Says the Judges' Report is Partisan—Mr. Stratton Explains His Position and criticizes Those Who Prejudiced the Case.

Toronto, June 18.—Before a crowded House in the Legislature yesterday Premier Ross rose to move the adoption of the report of the commissioners in the Gamey charges. After discussing the appointment and instructions to the commissioners, he said in part:—

"When this charge was first made on the floor of the House, I said if it was shown that we could not support ourselves by honest means, I would prefer to retire. I say so now. (Loud applause.) Public life has no charm for me associated with the wreck of my life's reputation or the dishonor of my family. (Applause.) I hope the time will never come when any Government to which I belong will jeopardize the good name of its party for the glittering bauble of a few more years in office. (Applause.) We did not conspire with Mr. Stratton, the Provincial Secretary. There was no conspiracy against the hon. member for Manitoulin. (Applause.) No attempt was made to sap his virtue—or whatever virtue he possesses. (Loud Ministerial applause.)

"The commissioners have so found. For 27 days they sat and heard 119 witnesses. They examined all the statements, they weighed the evidence of the witnesses. They studied their demeanor, and on the charge of conspiracy they say on page 38:—'Mr. Gamey had no personal intercourse with any member of the Ministry except the Provincial Secretary. With two or three of the others he had some official correspondence, but with the rest not even that. With regard to the added charge of conspiracy, the commissioners are of the opinion that as a matter of law there is no evidence whatever to sustain the charge against Mr. Gamey and the other persons charged.' (Loud applause.)

Mr. Ross went on to say that one of the ablest lawyers in Canada had served the prosecution. What money he received was at his disposal to bring witnesses from the very ends of the earth, all the machinery of the Government was available for him to prove his case. He went into the case on amore—perhaps not; all events as became a lawyer bound to his duty towards his client. After all that, what was the result? The commissioners found there was no evidence of conspiracy. They accepted that verdict; the country would accept that verdict; all right-minded men would accept that verdict. What object would the Judges have in giving any other verdict? Their position was that they were free from the political currents that drive Governments out of office and into obscurity. They had nothing to vindicate but their honor, and in the face of that fact they were driven to the conclusion that the Government was not guilty of conspiracy, that there was nothing to sustain it. (Applause.) And so they said not only that the charges of corruption were not proved, but that they were disproved, disproved in the judgment of two of the ablest wits of this Province. (Applause.)

"Notwithstanding the bray of the Conservative press, notwithstanding the strong partisanship that prevails in this country," he ventured to say that a jury of twelve Conservatives, who, with their hands upon their hearts, listened to that evidence, would come to the same conclusion as the Judges if they approached it free from bias. (Applause.)

Before I conclude let us look at the position of Mr. Stratton. He entered political life with a small majority fifteen or sixteen years ago. He has gone in and out among his people. At every election that followed his majority has increased, until, I think, at the last election it was 1,200 or thereabouts. No one who knew him would say such a charge at his door was made by the member for Manitoulin. How did he build up that reputation and become the head of a great financial concern? Is it not evident on the face of it that there was public and political morality there? How did he bear himself during the strain—not as a man who had done a smart thing and was not going to be caught at it, but with the steady defiance of a man that knew no man could prove him guilty of the charges. (Applause.)

And when he said to me, 'I shall resign, I shall cut myself free from the Government,' I said: 'I have known you for fifteen years; you have filled important and responsible positions; your department has handled about one million dollars a year; you are an able administrator, most industrious and faithful. I say I shall not believe any charge against you until it is proved in the courts of law.' (Loud applause.)

Mr. Whitney's Opening.

Mr. Whitney commenced his speech at 3.15 o'clock, and was loudly applauded by his supporters when he arose. He thought that the Premier had not given so full a discussion of the subject as he had expected. He himself proposed to offer some observations regarding the language of the Premier and the propositions advanced by him, and then some reference to the report, the purposes of

the commission, the manner of the conduct and procedure, and the results which had been found by the two commissioners. It was quite clear in the opinion of all reasonable people what ought to have been done. Instead of what was done. He would endeavor to point out that the Premier and the Liberal press had endeavored to keep before the country only the fact that a court had come to a judicial finding on the subject. The Premier had claimed that the Govern-

ment had allowed the prosecution to choose their own counsel. They had done so, but he could imagine what an outcry would have been made if any Conservative Government had claimed credit for such a statement. These same men had also appointed their own tribunal, and they would also endorse the deliverance of these commissioners, and thus seek to make themselves clear. Now, in the language of concession, we heard that the prosecution had been allowed to choose their own counsel. We heard a great deal of Liberalism, indeed, and of this being a democratic country. It had been said that if you scratched a Russian you would find under the skin a Tartar, but if you scratched some of the hon. gentlemen opposite you would find a mixture of demagogue and tyrant such as Russia could not supply.

It had occurred to him that the Premier, having made up his mind that as himself would be in some danger if he appeared as a witness before the commission, would also fight very shy of the attempt at subornation of perjury on the part of the Provincial Secretary in regard to Mr. Hammond. He did not do so, however. He said that there was no harm in Hammond's evidence. Who had said that there was? The point was the conduct of the Provincial Secretary in endeavoring to induce Mr. Hammond to forget some of the things he knew. Suppose the hon. member for Manitoulin had done that. He could imagine the supreme indignation of the public. It was quite impossible to frame a more dishonest comment on this question than the comment of the commissioners themselves. They did not refer to the alleged offence—not that Mr. Hammond differed from the Provincial Secretary, because he did not differ very much on anything important—but that the Provincial Secretary had attempted to get Mr. Hammond to commit a crime.

The Premier had spoken of the support given to the Provincial Secretary by the others of his party. He believed that there were men sitting on the floor of this House just as guilty as the Provincial Secretary might be. But the Premier talked about the loyal support. If the Premier had not said that, it would not have been necessary for him (Mr. Whitney) to say what he was going to say. How did it come that from one end of the Province of Ontario to another, and even within the House, statements were made by Liberal members of the Liberal party, that no matter what else should happen, they would get rid of Stratton.

The Premier had said that he wished to rule with clean hands. That was a proper wish; but if he were so anxious to have the public believe so why did he not go into the witness box? He had a letter from the member for Manitoulin offering his support to the Government, and yet he would not go into the witness box. The Premier had said in the morning that what had been said to Mr. Gamey was that if he did not receive the letter he would not receive the patronage. He was at the time simply paraphrasing the language of the report. The commissioners, however, made no use of this language, and so it must have been the Premier's own. The language of the Premier represented more and more that of a man who was occasionally engaged in thinking aloud. If the member for Manitoulin received any patronage at all it amounted to this, that the Government made a bargain with him, which, according to the Premier's language, they endeavored to get out of him.

The Judges who heard the evidence were just individuals, like any who might be picked out from the street anywhere, and appointed commissioners to do certain specific and well-defined work, and take down the evidence and report to the House, and so anyone who dealt with them as Judges was doing himself and the public a wrong, and much harm might come of it. The commissioners, therefore, could have no reason to complain when their conduct was criticized. Hon. George Brown had criticized Judges on a previous occasion when they were acting as Judges in the matter of an election petition, and he was summoned for contempt of court, but was held to be justified in his remarks. It was much more reasonable that men who were not sitting as Judges, but as commissioners, as servants of the House, should not be free from criticism upon their acts.

In conclusion, Mr. Whitney delivered a summary of his argument, and of his opinion, reading from a prepared statement, for which he craved the indulgence of the House. Mr. Whitney's conclusions, with which he ended his speech, were as follows:—

- (1) While the manner of the payment to Gamey, taken by itself, may present an arguable question, it is clear, from the evidence recited, and admitted by the report as worthy of credence, that money was paid to Gamey for the purpose alleged.
- (2) That Stratton tried to induce Hammond to alter The Globe interview.
- (3) That the charge of making and carrying out a corrupt bargain as to patronage has been already proved; Fletcher and Jackson got appointments, and Dr. Arthur admitted he understood Gamey had patronage.
- (4) That the Provincial Secretary at-

BIG CIRCUS IN FULL SWING

Immense Crowds Delighted
With Procession and the
Afternoon Performance.

One of the Best That Ever
Visited Canada—A Magnificent Menagerie—Other Features.

The night before Christmas isn't a circumstance to the night before circus day. To thousands of small boys—and girls—last night was one of the longest nights of the season, although they shortened it considerably by getting out of their warm beds at any time between four and six o'clock a. m. to go out in the chill, morning air to watch the circus "unload." At the first streak of dawn large crowds of people were wending their way to the G. T. R., where the mammoth aggregation was unloading. The crowd soon followed the wagons to the grounds, where the skeleton poles of the great tents were looming up through the morning mists like the masts of a fleet of shipping. The establishment of this travelling city is always a matter of real interest to everybody, and the employees of Ringling Brothers' circus were courteous and respectful, profanity being wholly unheard.

Thousands of men, women and children lined the streets this morning at the hour announced for the appearance of Ringling Brothers' circus parade. It seemed as if every person in the city had turned out, as well as half the population of the surrounding district. The parade was perhaps the very finest ever seen in the city. It was not only one of the finest, but it was one of the largest. In the number of its vans, its horses, animals, and in fact, all other accessories, it was all that the advance notices had claimed for it, which in itself is something worthy to be reported. Then everything looked spick and span and shone gloriously in the sunlight. The horses were carefully groomed, and there were hundreds of beautiful creatures. It is many a day since so many white and cream and iron grey horses were on parade. A unique feature was the number that were driven tandem style. The procession of national vans, typical of the countries represented, was also a feature that was well put on. The costumes were pretty and appropriate. In fact the costuming in every respect was first class, and indicative of the complete manner in which every particular had been arranged. A large number of open dens of wild beasts attracted the admiration of everyone. There were some of the most magnificent specimens, particularly in lions and tigers, that have ever been here. There were two or three dozen of fine elephants, some of them in the class with the late lamented Jumbo. The camels and dromedaries were richly caparisoned and were a very fine lot. The bands, the clowns, the steam calliope, in fact, every feature, was worthy of praise, and were a splendid indication of the quality of show that is put on in tents.

Jerusalem and the Crusades, the big striking feature of the Ringling Circus, pleased thousands of people at the afternoon performance. It is one of the most extensive dramatic productions ever exhibited, as the scope of action takes in the hippodrome track, two stages and three rings. The massive scenery, gorgeous costumes, horse trappings, armor and splendid ballet was a revelation.

Then came the arena performance—by far the best ever shown in Canada. The program is replete with new and novel circus acts, the majority of them new to Chatham. The three herds of performing elephants, two troupes of marvellously trained seals and sea lions; Royal's big 61-horse act; the Nelson Family and the Dollard troupe, acrobats; a host of dashing bareback riders headed by pretty Dolie Julien; the Fishers and Potlers, wonderful aerialists and the funny clowns were commendable features. The show was all good—not a weak number was presented—and indications point to a monster crowd for to-night's performance. The doors open at 7 in order that visitors have plenty of time to see the menagerie, which is the most complete in the world.

AGAIN HONORED

Last evening many Maple City pupils of Mrs. John Cooper visited her home in a body to pay appreciation to their retiring teacher. The gathering was an entirely informal one and Mrs. Cooper was completely taken by surprise.

On behalf of the pupils Miss Gertrude Somerville read the following address:—
Dear Mrs. Cooper,—Permit us to take this opportunity, ere your departure from Chatham, to express to you our sincere and deep appreciation of your valued and successful services as our teacher in vocal music.

While we much regret your departure, we heartily unite in extending to you every good wish for continued success and prosperity in the larger sphere which will henceforth enjoy your talented services.

As a small token of our esteem and gratitude we ask you to accept the accompanying gift—a souvenir of the many happy hours we have spent together, when we learned to know you, not alone as an accomplished teacher but as a true friend.

Most heartily, dear Mrs. Cooper, we extend to you, on the eve of your departure, a united and earnest God speed.

YOUR MAPLE CITY PUPILS.

Mrs. Cooper was then presented with a handsome shopping bag and purse.

In acknowledging the gift Mrs. Cooper expressed her appreciation of the loyalty and friendship of her pupils and earnestly wished for their continued and increased success in their musical studies.

A delightful hour of social intercourse was then enjoyed ere the gathering broke up.

HAPPY HOUR

Delightful Time Spent at the
McKeough School Kindergarten Closing—A Pretty Program.

The closing exercises of the McKeough school kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon. As Miss Aylesworth, the director, intends resigning, the attendance was particularly large, the many mothers being desirous of showing their appreciation of the excellent results attendant upon Miss Aylesworth's regime as director of the McKeough school kindergarten. The room was very prettily decorated with flowers and flags. A pleasing tent effect was produced by streamers of flags suspended from the centre of the ceiling. The floral ornamentation was very beautiful. On the piano was a basket of flowers. The basket was indeed pretty and had been fashioned by the hands of the little children. It was made of peace work and cardboard modelling combined. Miss Aylesworth and Miss Helen McTaggart were responsible for the excellence of the decorations.

The closing exercises were very successful and the mothers were delighted with the performance of their children. Miss Aylesworth has always endeavored to develop naturalness in the children, and the children in their exercises yesterday evidenced the success in this respect attained by the director.

The exercises opened with a number of songs. The first was a greeting to visitors, and this was followed by these songs—The Sun, The Moon, The Kite, The Shadow, The Miner, The Rain Song, The Spring Song, The Robin's Nest, The May Song, The Little Gardener, The Family, and The Basket. Then the children gathered around attentive while Miss Aylesworth told The Minstrel Song. The children gave a dog show. They played at representing canines, jumping over sticks, etc., in imitation of trained animals.

A pretty feature of the exercises was the marching of the children to music, swinging flags as they marched and singing a flag song.

Games concluded the public exhibition of kindergarten accomplishments. The children played at shearing sheep and at being flying crows. One of the best of the games was bouncing balls to music. Little Beatrice Dyer did particularly well. She never missed once.

Miss Aylesworth and Miss McTaggart both deserve the highest commendation for the high excellence the little kindergartens have attained under their instruction. The children certainly all acquitted themselves with honors, and the principal of the school, Miss Abram, could well look with pride upon the evidences of most successful instruction in one of the most important branches of education in the school over which Miss Abram so energetically and propitiously presides.

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